



October 1, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Peace of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to worship: Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Praise The Lord

Show us who You are

Show us who You've always been, Who You'll always be

Make us love the Truth

Open up our ears to hear, our eyes to see

You've filled our hearts with faith

You've caused our souls to say

Praise the Lord for all He is

and all that He has done

Praise the Lord! His name is great

His victory is won, Praise the Lord

You are who You are

You are who You've always been, Who You'll always be

Thank You for the Truth

Thank You for the ears to hear the eyes to see

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18 (page 97)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of peace: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Celebrating the Gospel

Sin Is Powerless

Subdue in me, the love of sin
Wash my life, without, within
Teach my soul to long for only You
Teach us Lord, to cling to the truth

*There is no guilt, no shame no hold on us
You are victorious
There is no curse, no blame no fear in love
now sin is powerless*

So fill my life to overflow
I claim the cross as all my hope
Teach my soul to long for only You
Teach us Lord, to cling to the truth

The Spirit that raised You up from the grave
Is in us, is in us
We're covered in grace our failures erased
In Jesus, in Jesus

Declaring the Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Before The Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Greeting and Announcements

Sunday school classes for pre-K, K-1 and 2-3 grades are available during the sermon.

If you are visiting us, please fill out one of the welcome cards in front of your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief's to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Communion in Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Show Your Power

He is the Lord and He reigns on high
He is the Lord
Spoke into the darkness, creating the Light
He is the Lord

Who is like unto Him, never ending in days
He is the Lord
And He comes in power when we call on His name
He is the Lord

*Show Your power Oh, Lord, our God
Show Your power Oh, Lord, our God*

Your Gospel, oh, Lord is the hope for our nation
You are the Lord
It's the power of God for our salvation
You are the Lord

We ask not for riches but look to the cross
'Cause you are the Lord
And for our inheritance give us the loss
You are the Lord

*Show Your power Oh, Lord, our God
Show Your power Oh, Lord, our God*

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body. Amen.

Please join us for a coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults Group** – 12pm at the Howards’
 Prayer Night – 6-7 pm at church
 Youth Group – 7-8 pm after Prayer Night
- Tuesday:** **Woman’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.
- Thursday:** **Men’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible study** - 8am at Panera (Trexlerstown)

Announcements:

Playground Group - We will meet at Alton Park on Oxford Dr. in Allentown on the 2nd/4th **Thursday** of the month at 10:30am.

Adopt a Student – Sign up at the back if you’d like to host a college student or if you’re a student who’d like to connect with a family.

Derek’s ordination and installation – Sunday October 8th, during our worship service. Followed by a church lunch to celebrate. More information about the menu and what to bring coming soon.

Discipleship Focus: Life at Home

Marriage Seminar – Saturday, October 21st 9am-11.30am. Speaker: Christian Counselor Jeff Stark will be teaching on the *Biblical basics for a healthy marriage*. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/marriage.

Men’s retreat – Save the date: November 17th-18th. Tim Witmer will be sharing insights from his book, *The Shepherd Leader at Home*. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/retreat

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – This fall our men’s and women’s Bible studies will be exploring the book of Exodus. See details above.

Growth Groups - These groups meet regularly to discuss the sermon: *Sundays, 4pm at the Nussbaums’* and *Fridays, 6.30pm at the Lyngdohs’*.

Young Adults Group – Meets for lunch and Bible study every other week, Sunday at 12pm at the Howards’. Contact: brian.stenson@dm.org.

Memory Verse

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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